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REVISION OF TEXT BOOKS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned `Saffron Generation` appearing inthe Hindustan Times dated December 19,1999;

(b) whether NCERT has been instructed to revise text books on some subjects prescribed for 10th and 12th classes of C.B.S.E.;

(c) if so, the details of the books proposed to be revised/ already revised during the last two years and the research for the same in each case; and

(d) the reaction of the Government thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) : Following the National Policy on education (NPE) 1986,the National Council of educational Research and Training (NCERT) had brought out the `National curriculum for elementary and secondary education- A Framework`.The National Policy on education was updated in 1992, and the programme of action, 1992 required the NCERT to modify its curriculum framework.As a part of the 9th Plan the NCERT had been given the task of revising the curriculum of school education.Following these policy directives and a part of an ongoing process, the NCERT has recently prepared a`Discussion Document` on the `National Curriculum Framework for School education` and released it in January, 2000 for public debate.The document is being discussed and debated at national and state level. One text book (Saras-Bharati Bhag-3) and two supplementaries reader (Sankshipt Buddacharit) and (Naya Jeevan Part 3) were introduced in Class VIII in lieu of the old ones in session ,1999-2000Besides, `Poorva Bhag 1` and Kathakalash Bhag 1 have replaced ' Mansi Bhag 1 and (Sanchyika Bhag 1) respectively for class ix.